

I. T. THRASH.

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Mr. HICKS, from the Committee on Patents, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9748.]

The Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9748) for the relief of I. T. Thrash, after considering the same and the testimony submitted for their consideration, report as follows:

I. T. Thrash, who is a citizen of Griffin, Ga., on December 7, 1875, obtained and had issued to him a patent for a medical composition known as "Thrash's Consumptive Cure and Lung Restorer," which patent was evidenced by letters patent No. 170918, as appears of record in United States Patent Office at Washington, D. C.

From evidence submitted to the committee from a large number of prominent citizens of Griffin, Ga., it appears that the composition is a good medicine and that it would be to the benefit of the public to have the patent extended.

The owner of the composition for which an extension is asked was not able, financially, to advertise it and manufacture it sufficiently to realize anything from it during the time of the existence of the patent under the letters granted, and has therefore derived very little profit from it. An extension of the patent will work no harm to anyone—will conflict with the rights of no one—but will simply give the right to the patentee to enjoy the fruits of his discovery hereafter, whereas he has not been able to do so heretofore; and as an extension of the patent is asked for, not only by the owner but a large number of citizens who are familiar with the compound, the committee recommend that the bill do pass.

